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SUBJ: LIBYA CALLS UP MILITARY RESERVES, ACCUSES SUDAN OF AGGRESSION  
IN ATTACK UPON KHUFRA

1. JULY 24 LOCAL MEDIA CLAIMED THAT LIBYA WAS BEING  
SUBJECTED TO "DIRECT AGGRESSION FROM THE EGYPTIAN AND  
SUDANESE REGIMES." LIBYA'S DOMESTIC NEWS SERVICE CLAIMED  
THAT THE JULY 24 AIR ATTACKS ON THE KHUFRA OASIS CAME FROM  
THE SUDAN. ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, THIS INFORMATION WAS  
OBTAINED FROM EGYPTIAN AIR LT. COL. ABDAL HAMID IFFAT WHO  
WAS SHOT DOWN AND CAPTURED NEAR THE TOWN OF TOBRUK. MEDIA  
CLAIMED THAT SUDAN AND EGYPT HAVE PUT THEIR JOINT MILITARY  
AGREEMENT INTO OPERATION IN THE ATTACK AGAINST THE KHUFRA  
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OASIS. MEDIA CITES AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SUDANESE  
COLLUSION CABLE REPORTEDLY SENT BY PRESIDENT NUMEIRI  
TO PRESIDENT SADAT ALLEGEDLY INDICATING THAT SUDAN'S  
RESOURCES WERE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF SADAT'S  
REGIME. WHILE EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN DENIED  
LIBYAN ALLEGATIONS OF AN EGYPTIAN AIR RAID ON THE  
KHUFRA OASIS JULY 24, LIBYA CLAIMS THAT THE DISPUTED

RAID TOOK PLACE AT 1630 ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 24 AND RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF SEVERAL "INNOCENT ITALIAN WORKERS." THE WORKERS REPORTEDLY ARE EMPLOYED BY AN ITALIAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN KHUFRA. LIBYANS ALSO CLAIM THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE RAID, THEIR AIR DEFENSES WHOT DOWN TWO LONG-RANGE EGYPTIAN TU BOMBERS AND ONE EGYPTIAN MIRAGE. AS OF THIS REPORT, LIBYANS CLAIM TO HAVE DESTROYED 14 EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT.

2. TONE OF LOCAL MEDIA BROADCAST INDICATES THAT LIBYANS HAVE YET TO PERCEIVE THAT THEY HAVE SUFFERED A "TELLING BLOW" AT THE HANDS OF SADAT'S MILITARY. TO THE CONTRARY, LOCAL MEDIA CLAIMS THAT THE LIBYANS HAVE INFLICTED "HEAVY DAMAGES ON ITS ENEMY AND TODAY TEACH THE AGENT SADAT A LESSON HE WILL NEVER FORGET." COMMENTARY CASTIGATES SADAT AS "DWARF" WHO HAS BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT ANOTHER STATE IN THE PLOT AGAINST LIBYA BY ITS "SINFUL AGGRESSION AGAINST PEACEFUL JAMAHIRIYAH VILLAGES." MEDIA WARNS SADAT THAT HE IS FIGHTING BRAVE PEOPLE WHO "ARE CAPABLE OF DISCIPLINING THOSE WHO OVER-REACH THEMSELVES AS DWARFS."

3. LIBYA'S CALL UP OF ITS RESERVES JULY 24 AND CONTINUOUS MEDIA ATTACKS UPON SADAT SUGGEST THAT LIBYAN MILITARY HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT PERCEIVED "TELLING BLOW" THAT SADAT BELIEVES HE HAS DEALT QADHAFI'S REGIME. AS OF THIS REPORT, LIBYANS HAVE YET TO RESPOND TO SADAT'S UNILATERAL ORDER TO EGYPTIAN FORCES TO CEASE FIRE. JULY 25 MORNING BROADCASTS MAKE NO MENTION OF CEASEFIRE BUT REPORTS EGYPTIAN AIR AND PARATROOPER RAID ON LIBYAN BORDER VILLAGE OF AL JAGHBUB JULY 24. CARLE

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